

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**  
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**Requirements for Shell Eggs Sold in Missouri**

(Disclaimer: These are excerpts from the Missouri Egg Laws and Regulations publication).

Eggs are defined as eggs in the shell from chickens.

A license is not required for those who sell only eggs produced by their own flocks, provided such eggs are not sold at an established place of business away from the premises of such producer.

**Retailer's License**

A Retailer's license is required of any person who sells eggs to a consumer.

A holder of a Retailer's license shall not be permitted or authorized to buy eggs from persons other than licensed Dealers.

Any retailer desiring to buy eggs from persons other than licensed Dealers shall obtain a Dealer's license in addition to a Retailer's license.

**Dealer's License**

A Dealer's license shall be required of any person who purchases eggs from producers thereof or another dealer, for the purpose of selling such eggs to another dealer, processor, or retailer.

Any Dealer desiring to sell eggs to consumers shall obtain a Retailer's license in addition to a Dealer's license.

A producer, who sells to consumers at a place other than their residence, needs to purchase a dealer's license in addition to a retailer license.

### **License Fees (Annual – July 1 – June 30)**

Retailers License	\$5.00
Dealer's License fees shall be determined on the basis of cases (30 dozen per case) of eggs sold in the shell in any one week, as follows:	
1 - 25 cases per week	\$5.00
26 - 50 cases per week	\$12.50
51 - 100 cases per week	\$25.00
More than 100 cases per week	\$50.00

### **License Year**

The license year shall be 12 months or any fraction thereof, for each separate place of business from the director, beginning July 1 and ending June 30. No license shall be transferable, but it may be moved from one place to another by the consent of the director.

### **Identification of Graded Eggs in Containers**

1. Eggs packaged in containers by licensed dealers for supply or sale to retailers must be identified on each container with either the name and address (city and state), or approved identification number of the dealer under whose authority the eggs were packed and the day, month, and year when said eggs were graded. Example: July 1, 1966, or 182-6; July 2, 1966, or 183-6).
2. Only eggs to be sold to any consumer by any person shall be of the quality standard designated Grade and size established by USDA (example Grade A Large).

### **Eggs**

No person shall sell or represent eggs from any other species of fowl as chicken eggs or sell mixed eggs from more than one species of fowl, or eggs from ducks, turkeys, geese, or any other species of fowl other than chickens, without marking the containers and sub containers of such eggs or otherwise indicating fully by sign or other inscription the species of fowl from which such eggs were produced.

### **Temperature**

Temperature for shell eggs shall be held at a maximum temperature of no greater than 45° F.

To obtain a complete copy of Missouri Egg Laws & Regulations, call the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Division of Weights and Measures at 573-751-5639 or visit their website at [www.mda.mo.gov](http://www.mda.mo.gov) .

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